



Minutes of the Sarratt Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 19th March 2019
in The Village Hall, The Green, Sarratt

Present: Councillor D Turner
Councillor S Dobson
Councillor J Gell
Councillor N Mortimer
Councillor M Musk
Councillor A Soothill

In attendance Mrs J Dawes, Clerk to the Council
3 Members of the public

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252/18	APOLOGIES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Apologies for absence were received recorded and accepted from Councillors Groom, Rees and Thorp	
253/18	DECLARATION OF INTEREST There were none.	
254/18	MINUTES It was proposed by Councillor Mortimer, seconded by Councillor Turner and RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 19 th February 2019 be signed as a true record.	
255/18	MATTERS ARISING AND ACTION PLAN The Clerk updated the Council on the action plan. The Clerk was asked to invite the PCSOs to the Annual Parish Meeting.	
256/18	REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES TO OTHER BODIES Councillor Gell had attended a meeting of the London Green Belt Committee and had tabled a report. Councillor Soothill, the Chairman and the Clerk had attended a meeting with representatives of Hastoe Housing Association. There was no capital at present for any potential sites in the Parish and the call for sites would have artificially increased land owners perceptions of values of the sites. Rural Exception sites should be valued at a lower figure. Councillor Soothill and the Clerk had attended a very constructive meeting with a TRDC planning officer regarding setting up the Neighbourhood Plan.	

Councillor Soothill, had also met with District Councillor Butler to discuss the proposed SPC Planning Policy.

The Chairman and Councillor Dobson had attend the local area forum at Chorleywood, they had no confidence that any comments put forward would make any difference the district councils decisions on potential sites.

257/18 CLERKS REPORT

The Clerks report is attached to these minutes.

258/18 PLANNING REPORT

Councillor Soothill had written a planning report for Spotlight.

259/18 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

It was resolved that the following observations be made on the planning applications as shown on the attached sheet.

260/18 PLANNING DECISIONS

There were none.

261/18 PLANNING ENFORCEMENT

The list of planning enforcement actions was noted.

262/18 PLANNING APPEALS

The appeal for Penmans End, The Common had been dismissed.

263/18 PLANNING POLICY

Councillor Soothill presented the policy to Council.

It was proposed by Councillor Mortimer and Seconded by Councillor Dobson and **RESOLVED** that Sarratt Parish Council would

1. Adopt the current informal approach as formal planning policy, specifically:
“To protect against new dwellings and inappropriate development in the Green Belt, except for Rural Exception Sites to meet housing allocation targets and local need for affordable housing.”
2. accept up to 1% of TRDC’s housing target (c.99 houses by 2035*) in the new Local Plan in line with historic district allocations provided that the allocated sites are designated as Rural Exception Sites (including locality provision) and are in infill or brown-field locations only. Engage with TRDC on this basis.

Thanks were expressed to Councillor Soothill for his work on the report.

264/18 POLICY & RESOURCES REPORT

GDPR training for councillors would take place after the elections. The Council had received full NNDR relief for the coming year.

265/18 APPROVAL OF POLICIES

It was proposed by Councillor Dobson, seconded by Councillor Musk and **RESOLVED** that the GDPR Privacy Policy, the Privacy Statement and the website privacy policy be adopted.

266/18 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

- a. The application for the designated area was noted.
- b. It was proposed by Councillor Mortimer, seconded by Councillor Turner and **RESOLVED** that the terms of reference for the Sarratt Parish Council Neighbourhood Plan Working Group be adopted.

267/18 APPROVAL OF CHEQUES

It was proposed by Councillor Turner, seconded by Councillor Mortimer and **RESOLVED** that the cheques to the value of £4,598.05 as attached to these minutes be approved.

268/18 ENVIRONMENT REPORT

Since the last meeting we have put in two new posts near the village shop to prevent further damage to The Green.

Several trees have come down and been removed on Commonwood and Dawes Common by our contractors.

I have been liaising with The Grove re disabled access across their bridleways, no response received from their agent to date.

Clerk is ordering the litter picking up equipment to then start the litter parties! The group would be called Sarratt Litter Patrol and this would be put on the Hi-viz vests.

Councillor Mortimer had raised £100 that had been donated to the panic alarm fund.

269/18 GREENS / FOOTPATHS

The footpaths warden had managed to track down somebody at the rights of way unit. They have now merged with the Countryside management unit. They have agreed that SPC will now take over the maintenance of SA 15 & 17 once again. We are now limited to only 2 cuts per year. If more are needed SPC will have to pay for them. They have also agreed to provide a new post for the one on The Green that is rotten.

270/18 HIGHWAYS REPORT

Councillor Gell updated the Council on the current road works. A number of closures were due around the parish for resurfacing works.

271/18 CORRESPONDENCE

The Chairman had not received a reply to his letter to Abbots Langley Parish Council.

272/18 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were none

273/18 COUNCILLORS QUESTIONS & COMMENTS

Concern was expressed that the Police & Crime Commissioner was increasing their precept by 14.3 % when everyone else was under pressure to keep their increase down. The Clerk was asked to invite him to the Annual Parish Meeting.

274/18 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting would be held on Tuesday 16th April 2019.

The meeting closed at 9.13pm

